GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR& RD Department – Initiation of Disciplinary proceedings against Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole and the then District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District now under suspension - Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 682 **Dated: 25-08-2025**

Order :-

1. It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole and the then District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District now under suspension in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure - I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witness by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure - III and IV).

3. Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole and the then District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District now under suspension is directed to submit her written statement of defense within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole and the then District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District now under suspension is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specially admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole and the then District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District now under suspension is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para - 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the order/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. The attention of Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole and the then District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District now under suspension is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services

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(Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole and the then District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order shall be acknowledged along with Annexure -I,II, III & IV forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole and the then District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District now under Suspension
through the Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District
The Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District(With a request to serve the order on the charged Officer and furnish acknowledgment with dated signature for record).
E file no. 2587826.

// FORWARDED :: BY :: ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. T. USHA RANI, DIVISIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, ONGOLE AND THE THEN DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER (FAC), PRAKASAM DISTRICT NOW UNDER SUSPENSION

Article of Charge - I:-

Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole while working as DPO(FAC), Prakasam District from 18.03.2024 to 08.10.2024 FN (now under suspension) has committed serious irregularities by transferring 36 Grade-VI Panchayat Secretaries and 3 Grade-V Panchayat Secretaries who were retained by the District Collector, Prakasam in Note orders without the approval of the District Collector as shown below:

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE				
S. No	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
1	K MARI SHARON SUNDARI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KONANKI OF MARTUR	Retained in Same Place	BAYATAMANJULURU OF J PANGULURU
2	AMBARAPU. FIROZE Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	YELURU OF PODILI	Retained in Same Place	UPPALAPADU OF PODILI
3	PAIDAPU. VENKATESWARLU Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	PODILI -6 OF PODILI	Retained in Same Place	RC PURAM OF CHIMAKURTHI
4	PILLI. HARRIES ANGLE Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	MALLAVARAM OF PODILI	Retained in Same Place	CHINTHAYAGARIPALEM OF ONGOLE
5	BATTULA RAMANA REDDY Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	TARLUPADU OF TARLUPADU	Retained in Same Place	TADIVARIPALEM OF TARLUPADU
6	TOKA BRAHMERAMMA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	TANGUTURU -4 OF TANGUTURU	Retained in Same Place	KARAVADI-2 OF ONGOLE

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE				
S. No	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
7	R. LAKSHMI PRASANNA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KAKARLA OF MARRIPUDI	Retained in Same Place	KOTHAPATNAM -1 OF KOTHAPATNAM
8	N. KIRAN KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	PEDA ALAVAPADU OF PC PALLI	Retained in Same Place	SAMEERA PALEM OF VV PALEM
9	AMMANABROLU YANSWANTH MANI KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	VENGALAYAPALLI OF PC PALLI	Retained in Same Place	BADEVARIPALEM OF VV PALEM
10	SUDHA YAMARTHI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	NAGARAJUPALLI OF MARTUR	Retained in Same Place	EDUBADU OF PARCHURU
11	GUDIPATI SURESH Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	ANAKARLAPUDI OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	KONDAPI -1 OF KONDAPI
12	THANUGUNDALA. ASWAVARDHAN Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	TADIVARIPALLI OF TARLUPADU	Retained in Same Place	THUMMALACHRUVU OF TARLUPADU
13	K. RAVI KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	CHENNAREDDIPALLI OF TARLUPADU	Retained in Same Place	BESTAVARIPETA -2 OF BESTAVARIPETA
14	MERIBOINA VENKATADRI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KARAVADI -2 OF ONGOLE	Retained in Same Place	CHEJARLA OF ONGOLE
15	KAKARLA PEDA MASTAN Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	NAIDUPALEM OF MUNDLAMURU	Retained in Same Place	MARELLA OF MUNDLAMURU

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE				
S. No	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
16	OGURU. BRAHMAIAH Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	MARELLA OF MUNDLAMURU	Retained in Same Place	NAIDUPALEM OF MUNDLAMURU
17	DAGGULA.SRINADH REDDY Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	MANGINAPUDI OF DONAKONDA	Retained in Same Place	RAMAPURAM OF DONAKONDA
18	G. LAKSHMI PRASANNA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	CHINA KOTTAPALLI OF ADDANKI	Retained in Same Place	VELLALACHERUVU OF S MAGULURU
19	A. ISSAC Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KOTHAPATNAM -1 OF KOTHAPATNAM	Retained in Same Place	GUNDAYAPALEM OF ONGOLE
20	P. JASHUVA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	PERIDEPI OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	NENNURAPPADU OF KONDAPI
21	KUNCHALA KOTI RATNAM Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KONDAPI -1 OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	ANAKARLAPUDI OF KONDAPI
22	YANANADNI. BABY SARANYA, Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	K. UPPALAPADU OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	PERIDEPI OF KONDAPI
23	SUDARSI VIJAYA KASIS Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	NENNURAPPADU OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	KONDAPI -2 OF KONDAPI
24	A. LAVANYA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	UPPALAPADU OF PODILI	Retained in Same Place	MANDUVAVARIPALEM OF ONGOLE

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE				
S. No	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
25	A.M.L.S. DURGA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	BASINEPALLI OF B PETA	Retained in Same Place	ETHAMUKKALA -2 OF KOTHAPATNAM
26	BADUGU SUDHEER KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	M.M.V.PALEM OF PONNALURU	Retained in Same Place	THIMMARAJUPALEM OF PARCHURU
27	PINNIKA SUBBA RAO Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	K. AGRAHARAM OF PONNALURU	Retained in Same Place	CHINTHAGUMPALLI OF PC PALLI
28	A.KIRANMAI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	KONIJEDU OF TANGUTURU	Retained in Same Place	MADANURU -2 OF KOTHAPATNAM
29	D.SRILAKSHMI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	KONDAMANJULURU OF J PANGULURU	Retained in Same Place	PALLEPALEM OF CHINAGANJAM
30	SODA. LAKSHMI PARVATHI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	THALAKONDAPADU OF PC PALLI	Retained in Same Place	K. AGRAHARAM OF PONNALURU
31	DESAVATH BALU NAIK Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	MITTAPALEM OF TRIPURANTHAKAM	Retained in Same Place	Y. PALEM -1 OF Y. PALEM
32	KOTTIMIRA. RAJU Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KONDAPI -2 OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	K. UPPALAPADU OF KONDAPI

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE				
S. No	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
33	M.V. MAHESH KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	CS PURAM -1 OF CS PURAM	Retained in Same Place	PEDA ALAVALAPADU OF PC PALLI
34	CH. NAVEEN KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	RAMACHANDRAPURAM OF CHIMAKURTHI	Retained in Same Place	ULICHI OF ONGOLE
35	GORREPATI NARESH Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	PEDAGOGULAPALLI OF CS PURAM	Retained in Same Place	MADALAVARIPALEM OF PODILI
36	S. HEMALATHA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	VOLETIVARIPALEM OF ONGOLE	Retained in Same Place	GADIYAPUDI OF MADDIPADU

LIST OF TRANSFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-V BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, PRAKASAM					
S. No	**Name of the Individual with Designation**	**Working Place Prior to the Transfer**	**Transferred place as per Approval order of the District Collector**	**Place of Posting without the approval order of the District Collector**	**Remarks**
1	V. Suneetha Panchayat secretary Grade V	Daraga of Cumbum	Retained in same place	Kandulapuram -3 of Cumbum	Not Joined
2	G. Gopal Panchayat secretary Grade V	Rudrasamudram of Donakonda	Retained in same place	S. Kothapalli of Peddaraveedu	Joined
3	Pothireddy Adinarayana Reddy Panchayat Secretary Grade V	Gundamcherla of Peddaraveedu	Retained in Same Place	JammiDornala Of Dornala	Joined

Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO and DPO (FAC), Prakasam has committed serious irregularity of disobedience towards the orders of higher authorities and transferred Panchayat Secretaries without the competency. Thereby she violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence, the Charge.

Article of Charge - II:-

Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole while working as DPO(FAC), Prakasam District from 18.03.2024 to 8.10.2024 FN (now under suspension) has transferred 3 Grade-VI Panchayat Secretaries without the note approval of the District Collector, without transfer request of the individuals as shown below;

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED OF PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE				
S.NO	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
1	PULAGALA DILIP KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	RAMAYAPATNAM OF ULAVAPADU	NOT APPLIED FOR TRANSFER AS PER GO BUT EFFECTED WITHOUT NOTE APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR	CHINTHALA PALEM OF ZARUGUMALLI
2	B.SAI SARANYA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	ULICHI OF ONGOLE	NOT APPLIED FOR TRANSFER AS PER GO BUT EFFECTED WITHOUT NOTE APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR	RAPARLA OF NG PADU
3	B.SURENDRA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	DASARAJUPALLI OF ONGOLE	NOT APPLIED FOR TRANSFER AS PER GO BUT EFFECTED WITHOUT NOTE APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR	BODDIKURAPADU OF TALLURU

Thus, Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO and DPO (FAC), Prakasam has committed serious irregularity by transferring the above Panchayat Secretaries without the competency. Thereby she violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence, the Charge.

Article of Charge - III:-

Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole while working as DPO(FAC), Prakasam District from 18.03.2024 to 08.10.2024 FN (now under suspension) has transferred 3 Grade-V Panchayat Secretaries against the place posting orders indicated by the District Collector, Prakasam and transferred to the places other than the orders of the District Collector as shown below:

LIST OF TRANSFERS EFFECTED OF PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-V BY THE THEN DPO AGAINST TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE					
S. No	**Name of the Individual with Designation**	**Working Place Prior to the Transfer**	**Transferred place as per Approval order of the District Collector**	**Place of Posting without the approval order of the District Collector**	**Remarks**
1	Sk. Rabbani Ahmed Panchayat secretary Grade V	Epurupalem -2 of Chirala	SankaraPuram of Mundlamuru	Turakapalem of Talluru	Joined
2	Kandukuri. Mahesh Babu, Panchayat secretary Grade V	P. Yachavaram of markapur	Goguladinne of markapur	Regumanipalli of Konakanamitla	Joined
3	Srinivasulu Sugamanchi, Panchayat Secretary Grade V	Viswanadhapuram of Tripurantha kam	Ramayapalem of Peddaraveedu	Nallagunta of Komorolu	Joined

Thus, Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO and DPO (FAC), Prakasam has committed serious irregularity of gross disobedience to the orders of the District Collector and acted with ulterior motive. Thereby she violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence, the Charge.

Article of Charge - IV:-

Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole while working as DPO(FAC), Prakasam District from 18.03.2024 to 08.10.2024 FN (now under suspension) has transferred 50 Grade-V Panchayat Secretaries and posted in Grade-IV Panchayats as against the orders of Commissioner, PR&RD.

Thus, Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO and DPO (FAC), Prakasam has shown disobedience to the orders of higher authorities and acted as per whims and fancies. Therefore, she violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the Charge.

Article of Charge - V:-

Smt. T. Usha Rani, Divisional Development Officer, Ongole while working as DPO(FAC), Prakasam District from 18.03.2024 to 8.10.2024 FN (now under suspension) has transferred certain Panchayat Secretaries Grade-VI to the stations where there is no vacancy and the Panchayat Secretaries Grade-VI (Digital Assistants) working in these places had no posting orders. The Panchayat Secretaries Grade-VI (Digital Assistants) already working were relieved and could not join due to lack of postings is highly irregular and shows the dire negligence in discharging legitimate duties, therefore violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence, the Charge.

S. No	NAME OF THE EMPLOYEE	DESIGNATION	NAME OF THE SECRETARIAT	THE EMPLOYEE WHO HAS JOINED IN THAT PLACE IN TRANSFERS	ORDER RECEIVED ON	JOINING DATE
1	V. Sarada	Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	Vankayalapadu, Inkollu	Sk. Nagoor Bi	7.10.2024	8.10.2024
2	J. Vinuthna	Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	Machavaram, Kandukur	P. Jhansi	7.10.2024	9.10.2024
3	K. Sireesha	Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	Inkollu - 4, Inkollu	Ch. Manikranth	9.10.2024	10.10.2024

Thus, Smt. T.Usha Rani, DLDO and DPO (FAC), Prakasam has shown the dire negligence in discharging legitimate duties, therefore violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence, the Charge.

Article of Charge - VI:-

Sri Oleti VNSJ Umamaheswara Rao, Computer Operator (Outsourcing) in the O/o DPO, Prakasam stated that, as per instructions of Smt. T. Usha Rani, DPO(FAC), Prakasam District, he has collected cash @ Rs.2000/- to Rs.3000/- from each Panchayat Secretary on personally serving transfer orders and handed over Rs.2,30,000/- by cash to Smt. T.Usha Rani, DPO(FAC) Prakasam District.

The Details of details of UPI transactions are as follows:

Sri Oleti VNSJ Umamaheswara Rao, Computer Operator(Outsourcing) working as DPO Office on deputation from Kothapatnam, Ethamukkala Village, Kothapatnam Mandal.

Bank Account No.35256535638

Sl. No	UPI Transactions Details	Date of Receiving Amount (Rs)	Amount Received in (Rs)	Remarks
1	UPI/CR/463946282897/Mrsaiu/IB/oletivs 103/UPI0097732162091	29.09.2024	6,000	
2	UPI/CR/428013423649/Mrsaiu/IDIB/oletius103/UPI0097732162091	06.10.2024	90,000	
3	UPI/CR/428179785688/Mrsaiu/IDIB/oletius103/UPI0097733162090	07.10.2024	90,000	
4	INBIMPS/42910975128/IDIB-xx643-null0097866162095	17.10.2024	40,000	Debited amount on 17.10.2024

Thereby, Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO and DPO (FAC), Prakasam has exhibited lack of integrity and moral turpitude and violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence, the Charge

Article of Charge - VII:-

Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO Ongole while working as DPO(FAC) from 18.03.2024 to 8.10.2024 FN (now under suspension) has collected money from the Panchayat Secretaries favoring their desired place of posting. The three men committee has reported that an amount of Rs.6,45,000/- was credited into the account of Sri Peddinti Srinivasacharyulu, Husband of Smt. T. Usha Rani, the then DPO(FAC), Prakasam district from 13.06.2024 to 03.10.2024. Rs.90,000/- was credited by Panchayat Secretary and Rs.75,000/- was credited by Sarpanch of C.S. Puram Gram Panchayat into the account of Sri Peddinti Srinivasacharyulu, Husband of Smt. T. Usha Rani, the then DPO(FAC), Prakasam district.

The details of the transactions of the individuals in connection with the transfers and the official visits of Smt. T. Usha Rani to Village and Ward Sachivalayams are as detailed below :

Sri Peddinti Srinivasacharyulu
Husband of Smt. T.Usha Rani, the then DPO(FAC), Ongole
Motupallivari Street, Kothapeta, Tenali
Bank Account No.20045742226

Sl. No.	UPI Transactions Details	Date of Receiving Amount(Rs)	Amount Received in (Rs)	Remarks
1	UPI/CR/453101809714/INDURTHI/SBIN/7396498123/Paym 0097735162098	13.06.2024	45,000	Indurthi Raghava Rao, Panchayat Secretary
2	UPI/CR/453967374634/MADHUVAR/HDFC/venkatakis/Paym 0097736162097	21.06.2024	45,000	
3	UPI/CR/417798312425/MATTUPAL/ANDB/msrinivasa/paym 0097733162090	25.06.2024	50,000	
4	UPI/CR/454532129452/IQBALAH/ICIC/Iqbalahmad/paym	27.06.2024	20,000	

	0097735162098			
5	UPI/CR/455447761958/KOTESWAR/SBIN/koteswari/paym 0097737162096	06.07.2024	14,000	
6	UPI/CR/456755824022/Peddinti/ SBIN/bhargavped/paym 0097736162097	19.07.2024	15,000	
7	UPI/CR/457286856230/GAYATHRI /SBIN/9030060823/paym 0097734162099	24.07.2024	10,000	
8	UPI/CR/458408652055/Peddinti/SBIN/bhargavped/paym 0097732162091	05.08.2024	1,00,000	
9	UPI/CR/829072128697/KOTESWAR/SBIN/koteswari/paym 0097735162098	14.08.2024	14,000	
10	UPI/CR/746353860776/IQBALAH/ ICIC/Iqbalahmad/paym 0097733162090	26.08.2024	10,000	
11	UPI/CR/729731842076/INDURTHI /SBIN/7396498123/paym009773 6162097	05.09.2024	45,000	Indurthi Raghava Rao, Panchayat Secretary
12	UPI/CR/190314503133/KOTESWAR/SBIN/koteswari/paym00977331 62090	09.09.2024	14,000	
13	UPI/CR/463533238977/KOWSHIKA/BARB/tettelasan/paym0097735 162098	25.09.2024	40,000	
14	UPI/CR/464236838552/BOTLAC /SBIN/8886863858/paym009773 6162097	03.10.2024	75,000	Sarpanch, C.S.Puram

Sri Peddinti Srinivasacharyulu
Husband of Smt. T. Usha Rani, the then DPO(FAC), Ongole
Motupallivari Street, Kothapeta, Tenali
Bank Account No. 33159316974

Sl. No.	UPI Transactions Details	Date of Receiving Amount(Rs)	Amount Received in (Rs)	Remarks
1	UPI/CR/412509051178/NVRN/UBIN/aparna.nem/UPI0097737162096	04.05.2024	13,000	
2	UPI/CR/416570844341/Lalitha/SBIN/Lalitha.ko/UPI0097735162098	13.06.2024	10,000	
3	UPI/CR/422709593744/KVRAVI/UTIB/kodurivnk/UPI0097735162098	14.08.2024	1,00,000	
4	UPI/CR/423012900104/SADASIV/SBIN/sada5073mi/UPI0097738162095	17.08.2024	25,000	

Thereby, Smt. T.Usha Rani, DLDO and DPO (FAC), Prakasam has exhibited lack of integrity and moral turpitude and violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence, the Charge.

Article of Charge - VIII: -

The process of transferring the employees of Panchayat Raj department shall be completed by 22nd September 2024 in terms of the GOs issued by the Department of Finance. The transfer orders of the Panchayat Secretaries shall be communicated to the respective Mandals soon after the completion of transfer process before 23.09.2024. The transfer orders of the Panchayat Secretaries were not dispatched in time, handed over to EORDs, Panchayat Secretaries concerned up to 09.10.2024.

Thereby the then DPO has violated the Government Orders which is highly irregular showing gross disobedience against Government instructions violating Rule 3 of APCS(Conduct) Ruels,1964. Hence, the Charge.

Article of Charge - IX:-

Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO, Ongole and while working as DPO(FAC) Prakasam from 18.03.2024 to 08.10.2024 FN (now under suspension) and while visiting the Sachivalayam on offical duty has accepted the money from the Panchayat Secretaries working in the respective Village Secretariats thus acting in a manner which is derogatory to the prestige of Government and hence the Charge.

Sri Jagadish Babu, Narra, the then Panchayat Secretary, Tangutur
1 68 A Thimmaraju Palem, Parchur Mandal
Bank Account No.30305430140.

Sl. No.	UPI Transactions Details	Date of Receiving Amount(Rs)	Amount Received in (Rs)	Remarks
1	UPI/CR/448674831593/SYAMSUND/ SBIN/8106905421/paym 0097732162091	29.04.2024	2,200	
2	UPI/CR/448631584518/SWARNAK/S2 BIN/996641031/paym 0097732162091	29.04.2024	2,200	
3	UPI/CR/448664486272/YEJARLA/CNRB/srinivas34/paym0097732162091	29.04.2024	2,200	
4	UPI/CR/448621086473/ARUNAKU/SBIN/9581636456/paym0097732162091	29.04.2024	6,600	
5	UPI/CR/448661654125/BARKATUN/SBIN9154369376paym	29.04.2024	2,200	

Sri Syam Sundar Putchakayala, Kammapalem, Ongole, the then Panchayat Secretary. Tanguturu Bank Account No. 30444900901.

Sl. No.	UPI Transactions Details	Date of Receiving Amount(Rs)	Amount Received in (Rs)	Remarks
1	UPI/DR/448674831593/NARRAJ/ SBIN//jagadishba/paym0097690162095	29.04.2024	2,200	Debited Amount on 29.04.2024

Thereby, Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO and DPO (FAC), Prakasam has exhibited lack of integrity and violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence, the Charge.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

// FORWARDED :: BY :: ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MIS-BEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. T. USHA RANI, DIVISIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, ONGOLE AND THE THEN DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER (FAC), PRAKASAM DISTRICT (NOW UNDER SUSPENSION)

Government lifted ban on General transfers of employees from 19th August, 2024 to 22nd September, 2024 vide G.O.Ms.No.75 Fin(HR-I Plg & Policy) Dept., Dt.17.08.2024, G.O.Ms.No.84 Fin(HR-I Plg & Policy) Dept., Dt.30.08.2024 and G.O.Ms.No.90 Fin(HR-I Plg & Policy) Dept., Dt.12.09.2024.

There are series of adverse news items in Andhra Jyothi and Eenadu daily news papers about irregularities in transfers in Prakasam District and large scale collection of money from Panchayat Secretaries.

It is reported in newspapers that an amount of Rs.20,000/- to s.30,000/- is collected from the Panchayat Secretaries for giving postings to the place of their choice and in many cases the representations of public representatives are also not considered. Though the transfers date completed by 22nd September, 2024, the transfer orders are not dispatched to the Mandals and directly handed over to the Panchayat Secretaries gathered around DPO office for obtaining transfer orders. Without sending transfer orders to the Mandals. The In-charge District Panchayat Officer and concerned Junior Assistant have personally handed over the transfer orders after the Panchayat Secretarios personally met them. Even though counselling was conducted for transfers on 9th and 10th September, 2024. But transfer proceedings were not dispatched to the Mandals until 5th October, 2024.

In view of the above, the Commissioner, PR&RD vide Letter Roc. No.2579460/CPR&RD/G1/2024 Dated.08.10.2024 had requested the District Collector, Prakasam to place Sri M. Venkata Kishore under suspension with immediate effect and conduct inquiry against Sml. T.Usha Rani, DLDO and DPO(FAC), Prakasam District on the issue and furnish inquiry report along with draft Article of Charges against the DPO(FAC) along with other staff involved in the irregularities for taking further necessary action.

The District Collector, Prakasam vide Letter Rc. A1/866/2024, Dated.24.10.2024 has submitted report as follows:

"In the reference 2nd cited (Procgs Rc.A1/866/2024, Dated. 10.10.2024) constituted following committee to enquire into the allegations levelled against Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO, Ongole & DPO (FAC), Prakasam District, Ongole.

(i) Deputy Collector & Forest Settlement Officer, Ongole - Chairman

(ii) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ongole - Member convenor

(iii) District Audit Officer, Ongole – Member

In the reference 3rd cited (Rc. No.10/FSO/2024, Dated. 23.10.2024), the Deputy Collector & Forest Settlement Officer, Ongole has reported that notices were issued to all the Panchayat Secretaries in the district through the MPDOS, CEO, Zilla Parishad and District Panchayat Officer, Prakasam District for attending before the Enquiry Committee @ 10.30 AM on dt.21.10.2024 to 22.10.2024 to present their issue related to the recent past transfers for the Panchayat Secretaries in the District and Collection of money during the Official visits of Smt. T.Usha Rani, DPO (FAC) & DLDO, Ongole to the Village and Ward Sachivalayams in the District.

Accordingly, the Three Member Committee has conducted enquiry on 21.10.2024 and 22.10.2024 at the Office of Deputy Collector, Forest Settlement Officer, Ongole from 10.30 AM onwards. After completion of the enquiry, the following findings are submitted and the same is discussed hereunder.

Participation of the Officers/ Staff and others before enquiry:

The following Officers and Employees have attended for the Enquiry on 21.10.2024 and on 22.10.2024.

1. Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO & The then DPO(FAC)
2. Kishore, Junior assistant, O/o DPO, Ongole.
3. A.V. Suresh Babu, Panchayat Secretary, Aloor GP.
4. A. Bala Tripura Sundari, Digital Assistant, Vljayanagar Colony, Chirala.
5. P. Hymavathi, Panchayat Secretary, Vajlreddypalem, Kothapatnam.
6. K. Kiran Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Rajupalem.
7. A.M.LS Durga, Digital Assistant, Ongole
8. P. Dileep Kumar, Digital Assistant, Ramayapatnam, Ulavapadu.
9. P. Thirumaleswar Rao, Digital Assistant, Chirala
10. A. Kiranmai, Digital Assistant, Tanguturu(M)
11. K. Dushyanth. Digital Assistant, Vetapalem (M)
12. M. Chenchu Babu, Digital Assistant, Koniki
13. 1. Somasekhar Reddy, Digital Assistant, Donakonda
14. N. Jagadeesh Babu, Panchayat Secretary, Singarayakonda
15. P. Syam Sundar, Panchayat Secretary
16. B. Subbayamma, Panchayat Secretary, M. Nidamolu
17. SK. Jareena, Panchayat Secretary, T. Naldupalem
15. U. Arunakumari, PS, Kalikivaye
19. J.V. Srinivas Reddy, PS, Guravareddipalem
20. Y. Padma, PS, MV palem
21. Y. Sudha, Digital Assistant, Nagaraju Palli
22. G. Nageswara Rao, the then DLPO, Markapur (Under Suspension)
23. O. Umamaheswara Rao, Computer Operator, O/% DPO, Ongole.
24. Pendyala Venkateswarlu, Retired Panchayat Secretary.
25. G. Ramakrishna, Senior Assistant, O/o the DPO
26. Kasim, attender, O/o the DPO.

To afford reasonable opportunity to the Officer against whom enquiry is to be conducted and adhering to the principles of Natural Justice in the proceedings or the Regular Enquiry, they were supplied with the records based on which the enquiry Is proposed to be sustained and they have not indented

for any Record/Paper during the enquiry. The Enquiry committee has conducted and concluded the regular enquiry based on the Documentary and written evidences along with material evidences produced before the committee during the enquiry and the Enquiry report there on is submitted below:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENQUIRY.

The Enquiry has been conducted in the Chambers of O/o Deputy Collector & Forest Settlement Officer, Ground floor, Collectorate (Prakasam Bhavan), Ongole at 10.30 AM onwards on Dt.21.10.2024 and on Dt.22.10.2024. The enquiry was conducted on the allegations pointed out against the then District Panchayat Officer, Prakasam District on the irregularities committed in General Transfers of Panchayat Secretaries Grade-V and Grade-VI of Ongole District along with Money transactions during transfers at O/o DPO and during the Official visits to the Village and Ward Sachivalayams by the then DPO, Smt. T. UshaRani, OLDO & the then DPO(FAC).

The following Allegations were levelled upon Smt. T. UshaRani, DLDO &The then DPO(FAC)

1. Large scale Collection of money from Panchayat Secretaries by the then In-charge DPO and concerned Junior Assistant M.Venkata Kishore for affecting transfers and postings to the Places of their choice in transfers of Panchayat Secretaries Grade V and Grade VI.
2. The transferring process of General transfers of PR Department Employees shall be completed by 22nd September 2024 in terms of GO. Ms No.75 finance (HR-I planning & Policy) department dated: 19.08.2024, GO.Ms No.84 finance (HR-I planning & Policy) department dated: 30.08.2024 & GO.Ms No.90 finance (HR-I planning & Policy) department dated: 12.09.2024. All transfer orders of the Panchayat Secretaries shall be communicated to Mandals by 03.10.2024. But the transfer Orders of the Panchayat Secretaries were dispatched by hand to EORDs concerned on 06.10.2024. Some of the transfer orders were issued at DPO Office Itself as some of the Panchayat Secretaries have received transfer orders duly acknowledglng in original copies of transfer orders. Even though the counselling was conducted for transfers on 91h and 101h September 2024, the transfer orders were not dispatched lo the Mandals until 5th October, 2024. Hence the DPO has violated the Government Orders in the process of General Transfers, 2024.

Evidence presented before the Enquiry Committee:

1. File Roe No.605/2024(Pts)A6- related to transfers of Panchayat Secretaries of Grade-V & Grade
2. Original Copies of transfer orders issued to the Panchayat Secretaries of PS Grade-V and PS Grade-VI
3. Complaints received from the Panchayat Secretaries of Grade-V &Grade-VI regardingirregular transfer of Panchayata Secretaries.
4. Bank Statements of the certain Employees of DPO Office, Panchayat Secretarios and the husband of Smt. T. UshaRani

Written Statements submitted by The then DPO and Other Officern against whom complaint filed (the individualn):

1. Written defense statements of the alleged Officers of the then DPO during the onquiry on Dt.21.10.2024 and Dt 22.10.2024. Written statement of the

then DPO on Irregular transfors of panchayath Secretarios: -

The then DPO has stated that the transfer file of the employees working under the control of the DPO, Prakasam was prepared and submitted to the District Administration to accord permission to issue of transfer orders to the omployeen concerned. Further she has stated that the file of transfers was received on 02.10.2024 and the same was handed over to the case workers of the DPO office to prepare the orders and proceed to Marripudi on 02.10.2024. on 03.10.2024. Transfer orders were prepared by the case workers and submitted to her signatures of the DPO (FAC), Prakasam. Further she has stated that 850 transfer orders were signed by her on 04.10.2024 and same orders were sont through mail on 05.10.2024 to the MPDOs concerned of District. In continuation to that, she has stated that the hard copies of the transfer orders were handed over to EO, PR &RDs who have attend the training program at PTC, Ongole on 06.10.2024. Further she has stated that no hard coples of the transfer orders were not served to any employee concerned and no money was collected from the employees concerned.

Contents in the written complaint submitted to the District Collector on 21.10.2024 in PGRS by the 21 Digital Assistants (Panchayath Socretary Grade-VI) of Erstwhilo Prakasam District. The complaint sends to the onquiry committee on 21.10.2024 by the District Collector.

They have made the following allegations.

1. 192 Digital Assistants were retained in the same place without their consent out of 354 employees, who applied for transfers

2. Employees were transferred to faraway places from the present working places without their option

3. Hard copies Transfer orders were issued to nearly 60 employees on 09.10.2024

4. Choice of the public representatives were not considered.

5. 2 to 3 transfer orders were issued to same place

6. Some of the public representatives have ordered some digital Assistants to transfer them from present working places, but transfers were not effected to them

7. Some of the Panchayat Secretaries have not received Transfer orders till to 21.10.2024.

8. The MPDOs were instructed by the DPO Madam over phone not to join and not to relieve some of the individuals among them.

FINDINGS IN ENQUIRY

1. As verifying the transfers related file, the then DPO has issued transfer orders to some Panchayat Secretaries other than to those who were reflected in the approved note orders of the District Collector. The then DPO has issued the transfer orders duly affecting some of the Panchayat Secretaries who are retained in same place as per the approval Orders of the District Collector, Ongole. Further she has made irregular transfers of Panchayat Secretaries Grade-V and Panchayat Secretaries Grade-VI. Hence The then DPO has acted against the orders of the District Collector. Further, 50 Grade-V Panchayat Secretaries were transferred and posted in Grade-IV Panchayat Secretary posts. Further, 3 individuals who were working are shown as vacant places and to that

effect, transfers were made to another three which seems contradictory. Hence the three Panchayat Secretaries of Grade-VI are deemed to relieved and waiting for posting orders. Hence the then DPO has not acted upon as per Government Orders in force for transfers.

WIDE SPREAD CORRUPTION AND COLLECTING OF MONEY DURING TRANSFERS FOR PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE V AND GRADE VI,

During the enquiry, the Computer Oporator working in DPO Office has stated that he was instructed by the then DPO FAC Smt.T. Usha Rani Madam on 09.10.2024 to serve the revised order copies duly signed by her and instructed him to Collect Rs.2000 to 3000 Money from each Panchayat Secretary while serving the Order copies. He has further stated that he gave an amount of Two lakh thirty thousand Rupees (Rs.90000 + Rs.90000 + Rs.50000 = Total Rs.230000) as someone has credited the amount of 180000 in his account and 50000 was collected from the Panchatyat Secretaries while serving the Order Copies on 09.10.2024 by Cash was also given to the DPO Madam as stated by him (The written statement is enclosed herewith for reference). The Corroborative Bank Statements are enclosed herewith which shows his 90000 Transactions. It is further submitted that, During the course of Enquiry by the Committee, a Petitioner namely Pendyala Venkateswarlu, a retired Panchayat Secretary has made a representation to verify the Bank Statements and Transactions of her husband as she has made several Money transactions during the time transfers to the Panchayat Secretaries by using her Husband's UPI Phone Numbers. As verifying the Bank Transactions of the Husband of Smt.T.UshaRani, the Following transactions are seen.

The details of the transactions of the individuals in connection with the corruption allegations during the transfers and the official visits of Village and Ward Sachivalayams are as detailed below: (Bank Statements enclosed herewith for kind reference).

Sri Peddinti Srinivasacharyulu
Husband of Smt. T. Usha Rani, the then DPO(FAC), Ongole
Motupallivari Street, Kothapeta, Tenali
Bank Account No.20045742226.

Sl. No.	**UPI Transactions Details**	**Date of Receiving Amount(Rs)**	**Amount Received in (Rs)**	**Remarks**
1	UPI/CR/453101809714/INDURTHI/SBIN/7396498123/Paym 0097735162098	13.06.2024	45,000	Indurthi Raghava Rao, Panchayat Secretary
2	UPI/CR/453967374634/MADHUVAR/HDFC/venkatakis/Paym 0097736162097	21.06.2024	45,000	
3	UPI/CR/417798312425/MATTUPAL/ANDB/msrinivasa/paym 0097733162090	25.06.2024	50,000	
4	UPI/CR/454532129452/IQBALAH/ICIC/Iqbalahmad/paym 0097735162098	27.06.2024	20,000	
5	UPI/CR/455447761958/KOTESWAR/SBIN/koteswari/paym 0097737162096	06.07.2024	14,000	

6	UPI/CR/456755824022/Peddinti/ SBIN/bhargavped/paym 0097736162097	19.07.2024	15,000	
7	UPI/CR/457286856230/GAYATHRI/SBI N/9030060823/paym 0097734162099	24.07.2024	10,000	
8	UPI/CR/458408652055/Peddinti/SBIN/ bhargavped/paym 0097732162091	05.08.2024	1,00,000	
9	UPI/CR/829072128697/KOTESWAR/SB IN/koteswari/paym 0097735162098	14.08.2024	14,000	
10	UPI/CR/746353860776/IQBALAH/ICIC /Iqbalahmad/paym 0097733162090	26.08.2024	10,000	
11	UPI/CR/729731842076/INDURTHI/SBI N/7396498123/paym0097736162097	05.09.2024	45,000	Indurthi Raghava Rao, Panchayat Secretary
12	UPI/CR/190314503133/KOTESWAR/SB IN/koteswari/paym0097733162090	09.09.2024	14,000	
13	UPI/CR/463533238977/KOWSHIKA/BA RB/tettelasan/paym0097735162098	25.09.2024	40,000	
14	UPI/CR/464236838552/BOTLAC /SBIN/8886863858/paym0097736162 097	03.10.2024	75,000	Sarpanch, C.S.Puram

Sri Peddinti Srinivasacharyulu
Husband of Smt. T. Usha Rani, the then DPO(FAC), Ongole
Motupallivari Street, Kothapeta, Tenali
Bank Account No.33159316974.

Sl. No.	**UPI Transactions Details**	**Date of Receiving Amount(Rs)**	**Amount Received in (Rs)**	**Remarks**
1	UPI/CR/412509051178/NVRN/UBIN/a parna.nem/UPI0097737162096	04.05.2024	13,000	
2	UPI/CR/416570844341/Lalitha/SBIN/L alitha.ko/UPI0097735162098	13.06.2024	10,000	
3	UPI/CR/422709593744/KVRAVI/UTIB/ kodurivnk/UPI0097735162098	14.08.2024	1,00,000	
4	UPI/CR/423012900104/SADASIV/SBI N/sada5073mi/UPI0097738162095	17.08.2024	25,000	

The Computer Operator working in DPO Office has stated that he was instructed by the then DPO FAC Smt.T.Usha Rani Madam on 09.10.2024 to serve the revised order copies duly signed by her and instructed him to Collect Rs.2000 to 3000 Money from each Panchayat Secretary while serving the Order copies. He has further stated that he gave an amount of Two lakh thirty thousand Rupees (Rs.90000 + Rs.90000+Rs.50000= Total Rs.230000)as someone hascredited the amount of 180000 in his account and 50000 was collected from the Panchatyat Secretaries while serving the Order Copies on 09.10.2024 by Cash was also given to the OPO Madam as stated by him (The written statement is enclosed herewith forreference). The Corroborative Bank Statements are enclosed herewith which shows his 90000Transactions.

Sri Oleti VNSJ Umamahoswara Rao, Computer Operator (Outsourcing) working as DPO office on deputation from Kothapatnam, Ethamukkala Village, Kothapatnam Mandal. Bank Account No: 35256535638.

Sl. No.	**UPI Transactions Details**	**Date of Receiving Amount(Rs)**	**Amount Received in (Rs)**	**Remarks**
1	UPI/CR/463946282897/MrSailu/B/oletivs103/UPI/0097732162091	29.09.2024	6,000	
2	UPI/CR/428013423649/MrSailu/DIB/oletivs103/UPI/0097732162091	06.10.2024	90,000	
3	UPI/CR/428179785688/Mrsailu/IDIB/oletius103/UPI0097733162090	07.10.2024	90,000	
4	INB IMPS/42910975128/IDBxx643/null0097866162095	17.10.2024	40,000	Debit amount on 17.10.2024.

It is further submitted that, during the Official visits of Smt. T.Usha Rani, the then DPO and DLDO, she has collected the Money from the Panchayat Secretaries working at their respective Village and Ward Secretariats. On April, 29th 2024 while visiting the Sachivalayams in Tanguturu Mandal, the information of visit was informed by one attendant with her namely Sai and the functionaries working at Sachivalayams have internal discussion in their social media to collect money from all the Panchayat Secretaries in view of her visit (Proof of evidence for discussion in social media is submitted by one the staff members is enclosed herewith for reference). Accordingly, all the Panchayat Secretaries have made UPI transactions to One Panchayat Secretary namely Sri Jagadish Babu, Narra, the then Panchayat Secretary, Tanguturu

<u>The details of transactions made are as detailed below:</u>

Sri Jagadish Babu, Narra, the then Panchayat Secretary, Tangutur, 168 A Thimmaraju Palem, Parchur Mandal.
Bank Account No. 30305430140.

Sl. No.	**UPI Transactions Details**	**Date of Receiving Amount(Rs)**	**Amount Received in (Rs)**	**Remarks**
1	UPI/CR/448674831593SYAMSUND/SBIN/8106905421/paytm/0097732162091	29.04.2024	2,200	
2	UPI/CR/448631584518/Swarnak/SBIN/996641031/Paytm/0097732162091	29.04.2024	2,200	
3	UPI/CR/448664486272/Yejarla/CNRB/Srinivasa34/Paytm/0097732162091	29.04.2024	2,200	
4	UPI/CR/448621086473/ARUNAKU/SBIN/9581636456/Paytm/0097732162091	29.04.2024	6,600	
5.	UPI/CR/448661654125/BARKATUN/SBIN9154369376Paytm/0097632162091	29.04.2024	2,200	

Sri Syam Sundar Pautchakayala, Kammapalem, Ongole, the then Pachayat Secretary. Tanguturu Bank Account No. 30444900901.

Sl. No.	UPI Transactions Details	Date of Receiving Amount(Rs)	Amount Received in (Rs)	Remarks
1	UPI/DR/448674831593/NARRAJ/SBIN/Jagadishba/paym/0097690162095	29.04.2024	2,200	Debit Amount on. 29.04.2024.

During the course of Enquiry, One Sri G. Rama Krishna, working as Senior Assistant in the O/o DPO and Kasim, Attender have stated that they were pressurized by the then DPO Smt. T. Usha Rani to collect Money from the Panchayat Secretaries during Transfers but they have rejected to do so and further informed that she has intentionally delayed in signing on the transfer Orders even after the last date of lifting of ban on transfers i.e., 03.10.2024.

It is observed that there is allegation that money collected from Panchayat Secretaries by the then In-charge DPO as per written statements of the O. Umamaheswara Rao, Computer Operator for effecting transfers. But he was not furnished any evidence before enquiry committee. Further, the panchayat secretaries are not made any complaint/ statement on collection of money from them for effecting transfers before enquiry committee. Then DPO argued that she was not collected any money during the process of transfers at the time. But she was not explained about the transactions in the bank accounts of her husband.

It is further submitted that Sri G.Nageswara Rao, the then DLPO, Markapur (Under Suspension) have attended before the Enquiry Committee and stated that he has given an amount of Rs.50000/- to the then DPO Madam for writing a Report in favour of him as he was under suspension earlier on the allegations levelled upon him while working as DLPO, Marakapuram.

Large scale Collection of money (an amount of Rs.20000/- to Rs30000/) from Panchayat Secretaries by the then In-charge DPO and concerned Junior Assistant M. Venkata Kishore for affecting transfers and postings to the place of their choice without considering the representations of public representatives in transfers of Panchayat Secretaries 2024.

The transferring process of General transfers of Panchayat Raj department Employees shall be completed by 22nd September 2024 in terms of G.O. Ms No.75 finance (HR-I planning & Policy) department dated. 19.08.2024, G.O.Ms No.84 finance (HR-I planning & Policy) department dated: 30.08.2024 & GO. Ms. No.90 finance (HR-I planning & Policy) department dated: 12.09.2024. All the transfer orders of the Panchayat Secretaries shall be communicated to the respective Mandals soon after the completion of transfer process before 03.10.2024. But the transfer orders of the Panchayat Secretaries were dispatched by hand to EORDS concerned on 05.10.2024. Some of the transfer orders were Issued In DPO office itself as some of the Panchayat Secretaries got received transferred orders duly acknowledging in original copies of transfer orders. Even though counselling was conducted for transfers on 9th and 10th of September 2024, the transfer orders were not dispatched to the

Mandals until 5th of October, 2024. Further, the Computer operator has given his statement that some of the transfer orders are handed over personally to some of the Panchayat Secretaries on 09.10.2024 in DPO Office by the data entry operator as instructed by the then DPO Madam. Hence it is concluded that transfer orders were not dispatched to the Mandals till 5th October 2024 and some of the transfer orders were handed over personally to the Panchayat officers in DPO Office. So it is concluded that the then DPO has violated the Government Orders in the process of General Transfers, 2024.

The then DPO has issued transfer orders to the Panchayat Secretaries against the approval orders of the District Collector. She has issued transfer orders to "the Panchayat Secretaries who are retained in same place" as per approval orders of the District Collector, Ongole. Hence the then DPO has acted against the orders of the District Collector. Further 3 transfers were affected in existing working places who were not opted for transfers by showing them as vacant. Hence the three Panchayat Secretaries of Grade-VI are deemed to relieved and waiting for posting orders. Hence the then DPO has not acted as per Government Orders in force.

The then DPO has not explained in her written statement regarding the above irregular transfers. After verifying the approved orders of the District Collector and transfer orders of Panchayat Secretaries Grade-V & Grade-VI, the following Irregularities are noticed in the transfers of Panchayat Secretaries of Grade-V & Grade-VI of erstwhile Prakasam district.

(a) As verified the Note Orders of the District Collector and transfer orders issued by the then DPO in respect of transfers of Panchayat Secretaries of Grade-VI in erstwhile Prakasam District, the transfer orders of the following Panchayat Secretaries were issued in contrary the Note orders of the District Collector.

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE

S. No	NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION	WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER	TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR	TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR
1	K MARI SHARON SUNDARI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KONANKI OF MARTUR	Retained in Same Place	BAYATAMANJULURU OF J PANGULURU
2	AMBARAPU. FIROZE Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	YELURU OF PODILI	Retained in Same Place	UPPALAPADU OF PODILI
3	PAIDAPU. VENKATESWARLU Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	PODILI -6 OF PODILI	Retained in Same Place	RC PURAM OF CHIMAKURTHI

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE				
S. No	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
4	PILLI. HARRIES ANGLE Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	MALLAVARAM OF PODILI	Retained in Same Place	CHINTHAYAGARIPALEM OF ONGOLE
5	BATTULA RAMANA REDDY Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	TARLUPADU OF TARLUPADU	Retained in Same Place	TADIVARIPALEM OF TARLUPADU
6	TOKA BRAHMERAMMA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	TANGUTURU – 4 OF TANGUTURU	Retained in Same Place	KARAVADI-2 OF ONGOLE
7	R. LAKSHMI PRASANNA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KAKARLA OF MARRIPUDI	Retained in Same Place	KOTHAPATNAM -1 OF KOTHAPATNAM
8	N. KIRAN KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	PEDA ALAVAPADU OF PC PALLI	Retained in Same Place	SAMEERA PALEM OF VV PALEM
9	AMMANABROLU YANSWANTH MANI KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	VENGALAYAPALLI OF PC PALLI	Retained in Same Place	BADEVARIPALEM OF VV PALEM
10	SUDHA YAMARTHI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	NAGARAJUPALLI OF MARTUR	Retained in Same Place	EDUBADU OF PARCHURU
11	GUDIPATI SURESH Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	ANAKARLAPUDI OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	KONDAPI -1 OF KONDAPI
12	THANUGUNDALA. ASWAVARDHAN Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	TADIVARIPALLI OF TARLUPADU	Retained in Same Place	THUMMALACHRUVU OF TARLUPADU

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE				
S. No	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
13	K. RAVI KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	CHENNAREDDIPALLI OF TARLUPADU	Retained in Same Place	BESTAVARIPETA -2 OF BESTAVARIPETA
14	MERIBOINA VENKATADRI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KARAVADI -2 OF ONGOLE	Retained in Same Place	CHEJARLA OF ONGOLE
15	KAKARLA PEDA MASTAN Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	NAIDUPALEM OF MUNDLAMURU	Retained in Same Place	MARELLA OF MUNDLAMURU
16	OGURU. BRAHMAIAH Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	MARELLA OF MUNDLAMURU	Retained in Same Place	NAIDUPALEM OF MUNDLAMURU
17	DAGGULA.SRINADH REDDY Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	MANGINAPUDI OF DONAKONDA	Retained in Same Place	RAMAPURAM OF DONAKONDA
18	G. LAKSHMI PRASANNA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	CHINA KOTTAPALLI OF ADDANKI	Retained in Same Place	VELLALACHERUVU OF S MAGULURU
19	A. ISSAC Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KOTHAPATNAM -1 OF KOTHAPATNAM	Retained in Same Place	GUNDAYAPALEM OF ONGOLE
20	P. JASHUVA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	PERIDEPI OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	NENNURAPPADU OF KONDAPI
21	KUNCHALA KOTI RATNAM Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KONDAPI -1 OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	ANAKARLAPUDI OF KONDAPI
22	YANANADNI. BABY SARANYA, Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	K. UPPALAPADU OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	PERIDEPI OF KONDAPI

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S. No	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
23	SUDARSI VIJAYA KASIS Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	NENNURAPPADU OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	KONDAPI -2 OF KONDAPI
24	A. LAVANYA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	UPPALAPADU OF PODILI	Retained in Same Place	MANDUVAVARIPALEM OF ONGOLE
25	A.M.L.S. DURGA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	BASINEPALLI OF B PETA	Retained in Same Place	ETHAMUKKALA -2 OF KOTHAPATNAM
26	BADUGU SUDHEER KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	M.M.V.PALEM OF PONNALURU	Retained in Same Place	THIMMARAJUPALEM OF PARCHURU
27	PINNIKA SUBBA RAO Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	K. AGRAHARAM OF PONNALURU	Retained in Same Place	CHINTHAGUMPALLI OF PC PALLI
28	A.KIRANMAI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	KONIJEDU OF TANGUTURU	Retained in Same Place	MADANURU -2 OF KOTHAPATNAM
29	D.SRILAKSHMI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	KONDAMANJULURU OF J PANGULURU	Retained in Same Place	PALLEPALEM OF CHINAGANJAM
30	SODA. LAKSHMI PARVATHI Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	THALAKONDAPADU OF PC PALLI	Retained in Same Place	K. AGRAHARAM OF PONNALURU
31	DESAVATH BALU NAIK Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	MITTAPALEM OF TRIPURANTHAKAM	Retained in Same Place	Y. PALEM -1 OF Y. PALEM

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE				
S. No	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
32	KOTTIMIRA. RAJU Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	KONDAPI -2 OF KONDAPI	Retained in Same Place	K. UPPALAPADU OF KONDAPI
33	M.V. MAHESH KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	CS PURAM -1 OF CS PURAM	Retained in Same Place	PEDA ALAVALAPADU OF PC PALLI
34	CH. NAVEEN KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	RAMACHANDRAPURAM OF CHIMAKURTHI	Retained in Same Place	ULICHI OF ONGOLE
35	GORREPATI NARESH Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	PEDAGOGULAPALLI OF CS PURAM	Retained in Same Place	MADALAVARIPALEM OF PODILI
36	S. HEMALATHA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	VOLETIVARIPALEM OF ONGOLE	Retained in Same Place	GADIYAPUDI OF MADDIPADU
37	PULAGALA DILIP KUMAR Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	RAMAYAPATNAM OF ULAVAPADU	NOT APPLIED FOR TRANSFER AS PER GO BUT EFFECTED WITHOUT NOTE APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR	CHINTHALA PALEM OF ZARUGUMALLI
38	B.SAI SARANYA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	ULICHI OF ONGOLE	NOT APPLIED FOR TRANSFER AS PER GO BUT EFFECTED WITHOUT NOTE APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR	RAPARLA OF NG PADU

LIST OF TRANFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-VI BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ONGOLE				
S. No	**NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DESIGNATION**	**WORKING PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE AS PER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**	**TRANSFERRED PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
39	B.SURENDRA Panchayat Secretary Grade VI(Digital Assistant)	DASARAJUPALLI OF ONGOLE	NOT APPLIED FOR TRANSFER AS PER GO BUT EFFECTED WITHOUT NOTE APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR	BODDIKURAPADU OF TALLURU

(b) As verified from the note orders of the District Collector and transfer orders issued by the then DPO in respect of transfers of Panchayat Secretaries of Grade-V in erstwhile Prakasam District, the transfer orders of the following Panchayat Secretaries were issued contrary to the orders of the District Collector.

LIST OF TRANSFERS EFFECTED TO PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES GRADE-V BY THE THEN DPO IN CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, PRAKASAM					
S. No	**Name of the Individual with Designation**	**Working Place Prior to the Transfer**	**Transferred place as per Approval order of the District Collector**	**Place of Posting without the approval order of the District Collector**	**Remarks**
1	V. Suneetha Panchayat secretary Grade V	Daraga of Cumbum	Retained in same place	Kandulapuram -3 of Cumbum	Not Joined
2	G. Gopal Panchayat secretary Grade V	Rudrasamudram of Donakonda	Retained in same place	S. Kothapalli of Peddaraveedu	Joined
3	Sk. Rabbani Ahmed Panchayat secretary Grade V	Epurupalem -2 of Chirala	SankaraPuram of Mundlamuru	Turakapalem of Talluru	Joined
4	Kandukuri. Mahesh Babu, Panchayat secretary Grade V	P. Yachavaram of markapur	Goguladinne of markapur	Regumanipalli of Konakanamitla	Joined
5	Srinivasulu Sugamanchi, Panchayat Secretary Grade V	Viswanadhapuram of Tripuranthakam	Ramayapalem of Peddaraveedu	Nallagunta of Komorolu	Joined
6	Pothireddy Adinarayana Reddy Panchayat Secretary Grade V	Gundamcherla of Peddaraveedu	Retained in Same Place	JammiDornala Of Dornala	Joined

(c) Three Digital Assistants have not opted for transfers. Status of their transfers were not mentioned in the note orders of the District Collector. Their places were filled by some other Digital assistants in the transfers as stated below.

S. No	NAME OF THE EMPLOYEE	DESIGNATION	NAME OF THE SECRETARIAT	THE EMPLOYEE WHO HAS JOINED IN THAT PLACE IN TRANSFERS	ORDER RECEIVED ON	JOINING DATE
1	V. Sarada	Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	Vankayalapadu, Inkollu	Sk. Nagoor Bi	7.10.2024	8.10.2024
2	J. Vinuthna	Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	Machavaram, Kandukur	P. Jhansi	7.10.2024	9.10.2024
3	K. Sireesha	Panchayat Secretary Grade VI (Digital Assistant)	Inkollu - 4, Inkollu	Ch. Manikranth	9.10.2024	10.10.2024

(d) Further it is noticed that three transfer orders to one individual namely Shaik Rabbani, Panchayat Secretary Grade-V were issued by the then DPO as follows

Transfer Order	Transferred place	Remarks
1st order	Sankarapuram, Mundlamuru.	As per Note approval of the District Collector
2nd order	Turakapalem, Talluru	AS per Orders DPO without note approval of District Collector & he has joined
3rd order	Velagavaripalame, tulluru	Copy not signed by DPO, but copy received by the individual.

It is submitted that as per enquiry report submitted by the Three Men Committee, Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO, Ongole while working as District Panchayat Officer, Prakasam District, Ongole (FAC) has committed following irregularities:

(A) She has collected huge amounts from the Panchayat Secretarles during the General Transfers, 2024.

(B) She has violated the Note Orders of the District Collector and Issued proceedings against the approval of the District Collector, Prakasam

It is also submitted that the irregularities committed by Smt. T. Usha Rani, former District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District, Ongole present DLDO, Ongole are grave in nature and she violated the rule 3 of APCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964, she is liable for disciplinary action.

In view of the above, it is requested to initiate action against Smt. T. Usha Rani, former District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District, Ongole present DLDO, Ongole and the services of Smt. T. Usha Rani as DLDO, Ongole is not required in Prakasam District and the Individual is hereby surrendered to Commissioner, PR&RD, Department. Copy of the report of the Three Men Committee along with enclosures thereto are herewith submitted for further action in the matter".

The Three men Committee report was submitted to Government vide this office e-file No.2579460 and Government vide G.O.Rt.No.637 PR&RD(Vig-IV) Dept., Dated.13.11.2024 has placed Smt. T. Usha Rani, DLDO and former District Panchayat Officer (FAC), Prakasam District under suspension in public interest until further orders.

The suspension orders were served to the individual on 16.11.2024.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. T. USHA RANI, DIVISIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, ONGOLE AND THE THEN DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER (FAC), PRAKASAM DISTRICT NOW UNDER SUSPENSION ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Adverse Newspaper reports on irregularities in transfers in the O/o DPO, Prakasam District in Andhra Jyothi Prakasam District edition News Paper Dated 06.10.2024, 07.10.2024 and Eenadu News Paper Dated.06.10.2024 and others.

2. Letter Roc.No.2579460/CPR&RD/G1/2024, Commissioner, PR&RD. Dated.08.10.2024 of the

3. Rc.No.8/FSO/2024, Dt.09.10.2024 of the Deputy Collector & Forest Settlement Officer, Ongole & Guntur Districts, Ongole.

4. Letter Rc. A1/866/2024, Dated. 10.10.2024 of the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.

5. Bank account Statements and UPI Transaction Details.

6. Rc.No.10/FSO/2024, Dt.23.10.2024 of the Deputy Collector & Forest Department Officer, Prakasam District, Ongole.

7. Letter Rc.A1/866/2024 Dated.24.10.2024 of the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.

8. G.O.RL.No.637 PR&RD (Vig-IV) Dept., Dated. 13.11.2024.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. T. USHA RANI, DIVISIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, ONGOLE AND THE THEN DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER (FAC), PRAKASAM DISTRICT NOW UNDER SUSPENSION ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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